

HIS MAJESTY'S
COMMISSION
FOR
The ROYAL HOSPITAL,
FOR
SEAMEN
At GREENWICH.

His Majesty's

COMMISSION

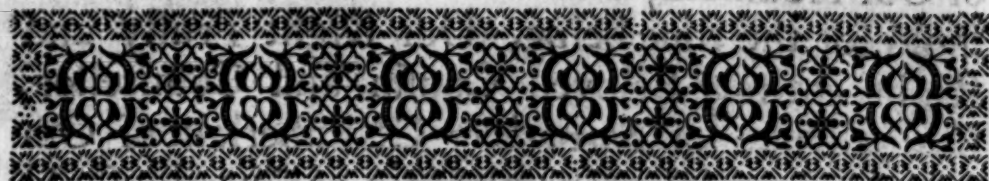
FOR

The Royal Hospital

FOR

SEAFARERS

ALGERIA



GEORGE by the Grace of God,
of Great-Britain France and Ireland,
King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To
Our most dear Son, *George Augustus*
Prince of *Wales*, the most Reverend Father in
God, *Thomas* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Primate
of all *England* and Metropolitan, and the Arch-
bishop of *Canterbury* for the time being, Our
Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor, *Wil-*
Wingham Our Chan-
cellor of *Great-Britain*, and Our Chancellor of
Great-Britain, or Our Keeper of Our Great Seal
of *Great-Britain* for the time being, the most
Reverend Father in God, *William* Archbishop of
York, Primate of *England* and Metropolitan, and
the Archbishop of *York* for the time being, Our
Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and
Councillor, *Daniel* Earl of *Nottingham* President
of Our Privy-Council, and the President of Our
Privy-Council for the time being, Our Right
Trusty and entirely Beloved Cousin and Coun-
cellor, *Thomas* Marquiss of *Wharton* and *Malmf-*
bury Keeper of Our Privy-Seal, and the Keeper
of Our Privy-Seal for the time being, Our Right
Trusty and Right entirely Beloved Cousin and
Councillor

Councillor, *William Duke of Devonshire* Steward
 of Our Household, and the Steward of Our Hou-
 shold for the time being, Our Right Trusty and
 Right entirely Beloved Cousin and Councillor,
Charles Duke of Shrewsbury Chamberlain of Our
 Household, and the Chamberlain of Our Household
 for the time being, Our Right Trusty and Right
 entirely Beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Charles*
Duke of Somerset Master of Our Horse, Our
 Right Trusty and Right entirely Beloved Cousins,
James Duke of Ormonde, and *Peregrine Duke of*
Leeds, Our Right Trusty and Right entirely Be-
 loved Cousin and Councillor, *John Duke of*
Marlborough Captain-General of Our Forces,
 Our Right Trusty and Right entirely Beloved
 Cousins, *John Duke of Buckingham* and *Normanby*,
John Duke of Rutland, *John Duke of Mountague*,
 and *John Duke of Athol*, Our Right Trusty and
 Right entirely Beloved Cousins and Councillors,
John Duke of Argyll, and *James Duke of Mon-*
tröse One of Our Principal Secretaries of State,
 Our Right Trusty and Right entirely Beloved
 Cousin, *John Duke of Roxborough*, Our Right
 Trusty and entirely Beloved Cousin and Coun-
 cellor, *Robert Marquis of Lindsey* Great Cham-
 berlain of *England*, and the Great Chamberlain
 for the time being, Our Right Trusty and Right
 Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Thomas*
Earl of Pembroke and *Montgomery*, Our Right
 Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousins, *Lionel*
Earl of Dorset and *Middlesex*, *Charles Earl of Pe-*
terborough and *Monmouth*, *Charles Earl of Carlisle*,
 Henry

Henry Earl of Portland, Arthur Earl of Torrington, Richard Earl of Scarborough, and Richard Earl of Bradford, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Edward Earl of Orford, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin, Henry Earl of Rochester, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Hugh Earl of Cholmondeley, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousins Thomas Earl of Clare, and Lewis Earl of Rockingham, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Charles Earl of Halifax, Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Charles Viscount Townshend, one other of our Principal Secretaries of State; The Right Reverend Fathers in God, John Bishop of London, and Francis Bishop of Rochester, and the Bishops of the said Sees for the time being; Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Thomas Lord Howard of Effingham, Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor John Lord Somers, Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillors Henry Lord Carleton, and Richard Lord Cobham, Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillors Thomas Coke Esquire, Vice Chamberlain of Our Household, James Stanhope Esquire, one other of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, Sir Richard Onslow Baronet, Chancellor, and Under Treasurer of Our Exchequer, and the Chancellor and Under Treasurer of Our Exchequer for the time being;

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Sir

Sir *Thomas Parker* Knight Chief Justice of Our
 Court of Kings Bench, and the Chief Justice
 of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time
 being, *Thomas Erle* Esquire, Lieutenant Gene-
 ral of Our Ordnance, and the Lieutenant Ge-
 neral of Our Ordnance for the time being, Our
 Right Trusty and Well-beloved *Richard* Lord
Lumley, Our Trusty and Well-beloved *John*
Smith Esquire, Our Trusty and Well-beloved
 Sir *George Byng* Knight, *George Doddington* Es-
 quire, Sir *John Jennings*, and Sir *Charles Turner*
 Knights, *Abraham Stanyan* and *George Baillie* Es-
 quires, Our Commissioners for Executing the
 Office of High Admiral of *England* now being,
 and Our High Admiral or Commissioners for
 Executing the Office of High Admiral of *Eng-*
land for the time being, Our Right Trusty and
 Well-beloved Our Commissioners of Our Trea-
 sury now being, and Our High Treasurer and
 Commissioners of Our Treasury for the time
 being, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir *John*
Trevor Knight Our Master of Our Rolls, and
 Our Master of Our Rolls for the time being,
 Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir *Peter King*
 Knight, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common
 Pleas, and the Chief Justice of Our Court of
 Common Pleas for the time being, Sir *Samuel*
Dod Knight, Chief Baron of Our Court of Ex-
 chequer, and the Chief Baron of Our Court of
 Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Littleton*
Powys, Sir *Robert Eyres*, and Sir *John Prat* Knights,
 Justices of Our Court of Kings Bench, and the
 Justices

Justices of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time being; Sir *John Blencowe* Knight, the Honourable *Robert Tracy* Esquire, and *Robert Dormer* Esquire, Justices of Our Court of Common Pleas, and the Justices of our Court of Common Pleas for the time being, Sir *Thomas Bury* Knight, *Robert Price* and *John Smith* Esquires, and Sir *James Montague* Knight, Barons of Our Exchequer, and the Barons of Our Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Edward Northey* Knight, Our Attorney General, and Our Attorney General for the time being, *Nicholas Lechmere* Esquire, Our Solicitor General, and Our Solicitor General for the time being, *Josiah Burchett* Esquire, Secretary to our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral of *England* now being, and the Secretary or Secretaries to Our High Admiral or Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral for the time being, *William Lowndes* and *John Taylour* Esquires, Secretaries to Our Commissioners of Our Treasury, and the Secretary or Secretaries to Our High Treasurer or Commissioners of Our Treasury for the time being; The Flag Officers of Our Fleet, now and for the time being; The Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy now being, and the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy for the time being, The Judge of Our Admiralty, or his Surrogate, now and for the time being; The Mayor of Our City of *London*, and the Three Senior Aldermen of Our said City, now and for the

time being; The Master of the Trinity House at Deptford Strond, and the Five Elder Brethren of the said Trinity House, now and for the time being; *Matthew Aylmer* Esquire Governor, *Robert Robinson* Esquire Deputy Governor, and *Galfridus Walpole* Esquire Treasurer of Our Royal Hospital at Greenwich, and the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Treasurer of the said Hospital for the time being; Sir *Christopher Wren* Knight, Surveyor General of Our Works, and the Surveyor General of Our Works for the time being; Sir *William Langham*, Sir *Richard Child*, Sir *Joseph Hodges*, Sir *Alexander Cairnes*, Sir *Francis Eyles*, and Sir *Gregory Page* Baronets, Sir *William Trumbal*, Sir *Stephen Fox*, Sir *Thomas Grantham*, Sir *Jonathan Andrews*, Sir *William Ashurst*, Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *William Scawen*, Sir *Streynsham Masters*, Sir *Samuel Stanier*, Sir *William Sanderson*, Sir *John Vanbrugh*, and Sir *John Ward*, Knights; Doctor *John Mapletost*, *James Craggs Senior*, *Sidney Godolphin*, *William Hewer*, *John Gore*, *William Poulteney Junior*, *Samuel Travers*, *John Robinson*, *Lancelot Burton*, *John Guy*, *William Dawson*, *Henry Hatsell*, *Roger Braddyll*, *William Watkins*, *Richard Gee*, and *Thomas Jennings* Esquires *Michael Richards* Esquire, Surveyor of Our Ordnance; and Dr. *William Oliver*, Greeting. WHEREAS by Letters Patents under The Great Seal of England, bearing Date on or about the Eighth Day of April, in the Third Year of the Reign of Our late Most Dear Sister Queen ANNE,

Our

Her late Majesty's Commission dated April 8. Anno Regni 3tio for carrying on the Building of the Hospital for Relief of Indigent and disabled Seamen, referred to and determined.

Our said Late Most Dear Sister did Nominate, Authorize, and Appoint, Her Dearest Husband Prince George Hereditary of Denmark Deceas'd, You *Thomas* Archbishop of Canterbury, *John* Archbishop of York, *Sidney* Lord Godolphin, *Thomas* Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, *John* Duke of Buckingham and Normanby, *William* Duke of Devonshire, *Charles* Duke of Somerset, *James* Duke of Ormond, *John* Duke of Marlborough, *Robert* Earl of Lindsey, and several others therein named, Her Commissioners or Governors during Her Pleasure, for carrying on and finishing the Building of the Royal Hospital of Greenwich in Our County of Kent, according to the Scheme and Model then begun, or that should then after be thought fitting to be carried on; and also to state the Accounts for the Works of the said Hospital then, and then after to be in hand, and make Payments from time to time for the same; and to perfect all other Matters and Things whatsoever relating to the Building, carrying on, and finishing of the said Hospital, and also to provide for such Person or Persons, by Pensions or Provisions for the said Hospital as should be thought necessary, with Regard to the Acts of Parliament then made, or such as should then after be made for encouraging of Seamen, as in and by the said Commission, amongst divers other Powers, Authorities, and Clauses therein contain'd, relation being thereunto had, may more fully appear. IN which said Office by Virtue of the Statute in such Case

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made and provided, and of Our Royal Proclamation for that Purpose Issued, they are continued until we shall declare Our further Pleasure concerning the same. NOW KNOW YE, That we have Revoked and Determined, and by these PRESENTS do Revoke and Determine the said Commission or Letters Patents, and every Clause, Article, and Thing therein contained, and their Continuance in the said Office, and them from the said Office we do remove by these PRESENTS. AND WHEREAS, We having duly weighed and taken into Our Princely Consideration of how great Importance so good and necessary a Work will be to Our Service, and out of that tender Regard which we have for the Good and Welfare of Our Loving Subjects, being extremely desirous to promote and carry on the same : And Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your known Discretions, Abilities, and Integrityes, HAVE Nominated, Authorized, and Appointed, and DO by these Presents Nominate, Authorize, and Appoint you Our said Most Dear Son, *George Augustus* Prince of *Wales*, *Thomas* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and the Archbishop of *Canterbury* for the time being, *William* Lord *Cowper* Baron of *Wingham*, Our Chancellor of *Great-Britain*, and Our Chancellor of *Great-Britain*, or Our Keeper of Our Great Seal of *Great-Britain* for the time being, *William* Archbishop of *York*, and the Archbishop of *York* for the time being, *Daniel* Earl of *Nottingham*, and the

*The Design and
Commissioners
Names recited*

the President of Our Privy-Council for the time being, *Thomas* Marquis of *Wharton* and *Malmfbury*; and the Keeper of our Privy-Seal, for the time being, *William* Duke of *Devonshire*, and the Steward of our Household for the time being, *Charles* Duke of *Shrewsbury*, and the Chamberlain of Our Household, for the time being, *Charles* Duke of *Somerset*, *James* Duke of *Ormond*, *Peregrine* Duke of *Leeds*, *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, *John* Duke of *Buckingham* and *Normanby*, *John* Duke of *Rutland*, *John* Duke of *Montague*, *John* Duke of *Athol*, *John* Duke of *Argyll*, *James* Duke of *Montrose*, *John* Duke of *Roxborough*, *Robert* Marquis of *Lindsey*, and the Great Chamberlain of *England*, for the time being, *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, *Lionel* Earl of *Dorset* and *Middlesex*, *Charles* Earl of *Peterborough* and *Monmouth*, *Charles* Earl of *Carlisle*, *Henry* Earl of *Portland*, *Arthur* Earl of *Torrington*, *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough*, *Richard* Earl of *Bradford*, *Edward* Earl of *Orford*, *Henry* Earl of *Rochester*, *Hugh* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, and the Treasurer of Our Household for the time being, *Thomas* Earl of *Clare*, *Lewis* Earl of *Rockingham*, *Charles* Earl of *Halifax*, *Charles* Viscount *Townshend*, *John* Bishop of *London*, *Francis* Bishop of *Rochester*, and the Bishops of the said Sees for the time being, *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, *John* Lord *Somers*, *Henry* Lord *Carleton*, *Richard* Lord *Cobham*, *Thomas* Coke, *James* Stanhope, and Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, *Sir Richard* Onslow, and the Chancellor and Under Treasurer of Our

Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Thomas Parker*, and the Chief Justice of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time being, *Thomas Erle*, and the Lieutenant General of Our Ordnance, for the time being, *Robert Walpole*, *Richard Lord Lumley*, *John Smith*, Sir *George Byng*, *George Doddington*, Sir *John Jennings*, Sir *Charles Turner*, *Abraham Stanyan*, and *George Baillie*, and Our High Admiral and Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral for the time being; The Commissioners of Our Treasury now being, and Our High Treasurer and Commissioners of Our Treasury for the time being, Sir *John Trevor* Knight, Master of Our Rolls, and the Master of Our Rolls, for the time being; Sir *Peter King*, and the Chief Justice of Our Court of Common-Pleas, for the time being, Sir *Samuel Dod*, and the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, for the time being, Sir *Littleton Powys*, Sir *Robert Eyres*, and Sir *John Pratt*, and the Justices of Our Court of Kings Bench for the time being, Sir *John Blencowe*, *Robert Tracy*, and *Robert Dormer*, and the Justices of Our Court of Common-Pleas, for the time being, Sir *Thomas Bury*, *Robert Price*, *John Smith*, Sir *James Montague*, and the Barons of Our Exchequer for the time being, Sir *Edward Northey*, and Our Attorney General, for the time being, *Nicholas Lechmere*, and Our Solicitor General for the time being, *Josiah Burchett*, and the Secretary or Secretaries to Our High Admiral or Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral

Admiral for the time being, *William Lowndes*,
John Taylour, and the Secretary or Secretaries to
 Our High Treasurer and Commissioners of Our
 Treasury for the time being ; The Flag Officers
 of Our Fleet, now and for the time being, The
 Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our
 Navy now being, and the Principal Officers in
 the Nature of Commissioners of Our Navy for
 the time being, The Judge of Our Admiralty,
 or his Surrogate, now and for the time being ;
 The Mayor and the Three Senior Aldermen
 of Our City of *London*, now and for the time
 being, The Master of the Trinity House at
Deptford Strond, and the Five Elder Brethren
 of the said Trinity House, now and for the
 time being, *Matthew Aylmer*, *Robert Robinson*,
Galfridus Walpole, and the Governor, Deputy
 Governor, and Treasurer of the said Hospital,
 now and for the time being, *Sir Christopher Wren*,
 and the Surveyor General of Our Works for
 the time being, *Sir William Langham*, *Sir Ri-*
chard Child, *Sir Joseph Hodges*, *Sir Alexander Cairnes*,
Sir Francis Eyles, *Sir Gregory Page*, *Sir William*
Trumbal, *Sir Stephen Fox*, *Sir Thomas Grantham*,
Sir Jonathan Andrews, *Sir William Ashurst*, *Sir*
James Bateman, *Sir Gilbert Heathcote*, *Sir William*
Scawen, *Sir Streynsham Masters*, *Sir Samuel Stanier*,
Sir William Sanderson, *Sir John Vanbrugh*, *Sir John*
Ward, *Dr. John Mapletost*, *James Craggs* Se-
 nior, *Sidney Godolphin*, *William Hewer*, *John Gore*,
William Poulteney Junior, *Samuel Travers*, *John*
Robinson, *Lancelot Burton*, *John Guy*, *William Daw-*
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son, Henry Hatsell, Roger Braddyll, William Watkins, Richard Gee, Thomas Jennings, Michael Richards, and Dr. William Oliver, to be Our Commissioners or Governors for the Purposes herein after mentioned. AND TO THE END, Our Royal Purpose and Intention herein may the better take Effect, Our Will and Pleasure is, and we do hereby Order, Direct and Appoint. That you do from time to time meet together at some convenient Place, for the Execution of this Our Commission. And that you or any Seven or more of you may be, and are hereby appointed to be a Court, whereof Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commissioners of Our Treasury now and for the time being, or our High Treasurer for the time being, or any Two or more of the Lords of Our Privy Council herein before appointed Commissioners to be a *Quorum*. AND

Seven of the Commissioners to make a Court, whereof the Quorum to be the Lord High Admiral, Lord High Treasurer, or two of the Privy Council.

Power given to proceed and finish the Building according to the Scheme begun, or that shall be thought fitting hereafter to be further carried on.

WE do also by these Presents Give and Grant to you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commissioners of Our Treasury now and for the time being, or Our High Treasurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be such as aforesaid, full Power and Authority to Proceed to finish the Building of the said Hospital, according to the Scheme and Model already begun, or that shall hereafter be thought

thought fitting to be carried on: And also to State the Accounts for Works of the said Hospital, now, and hereafter to be in hand, and make Payments from time to time of the same; And to perfect all other Matters and Things whatsoever relating to the Building, Carrying on, and Finishing of the said Hospital. And also to Provide for such Person or Persons by Pensions or Provision in the said Hospital as shall be thought Necessary, with regard to the Acts of Parliament already made, or hereafter to be made for Encouraging of Seamen. **AND** OUR further Will and Pleasure is, **AND** we do hereby require you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commissioners of Our Treasury now and for the time being, or Our High Treasurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be such as aforesaid, to Meet and Hold a General Court quarterly, or oftner, (if Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, shall find it necessary) to Consult concerning the Business and Affairs of the said Hospital. And that the Governor or Deputy Governor and the Treasurer for the time being, do assist at all Meetings, of you Our said Commissioners, or of the Directors of the said Hospital hereafter mentioned. **AND**

To State the Accounts for Works now or hereafter to be done, and to make Payments from time to time.

To Provide for the Maintenance of such Persons as shall be necessary, with regard to the Acts of Parliament for Encouraging of Seamen.

A General Court to be held Quarterly, or oftner if found necessary by the Lord High Admiral.

The Governor, Deputy Governor and Treasurer to assist at the Meetings of the General Court, and also of the Directors.

The General Court to recommend all Officers for the Hospital to the Lord High Admiral.

WE do hereby impower and direct you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, to Recommend to Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, from time to time all Officers necessary to be employed in and for the said Hospital. AND WE DO hereby Impower Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being,

The Lord High Admiral to appoint all the Officers, except the Governor and Treasurer. All Officers or others to be admitted for the future, to be Seafaring Persons.

or Our High Admiral for the time being, to appoint all such Officers accordingly, except the Governor and Treasurer of the said Hospital. PROVIDED, that for the future, all such Persons so to be recommended and admitted into the said Hospital, as Officers of the House or otherwise, be Sea-faring Men, or such who have lost their Limbs, or been otherwise disabled in the Sea-Service. AND WE do further hereby Authorize and Impower you Our

The General Court with the assistance of the Attorney General and Solicitor General, to prepare a Charter and Statutes for the perpetual Government of the Hospital.

said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commissioners of Our Treasury, now and for the time being, or Our High Treasurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be such as aforesaid, together with Our Attorney and Solicitor General for the time being, To consider of and prepare a Charter or Charters of Foundation of such Hospital, and also such Statutes, Constitutions, Orders and Ordinances

as may be proper for the Foundation, Perpetual Management, Order, Rule, and Good Government of the same, and of the poor People, Officers, Servants, and others that shall be entertained in and about the same, and for and concerning all other Matters and Things relating thereto, and to Present the same to Us for Our Royal Approbation. AND for that many of you Our said Commissioners cannot conveniently Meet, in Order to Carry on Our Royal Intentions in the Premises, by Reason whereof many Inconveniencies may ensue, We therefore have thought fit, AND DO by these Presents Declare and Appoint you the said *Matthew Aylmer, Robert Robinson, Galfridus Walpole, Sir Joseph Hodges, Sir Alexander Cairnes, Sir Gregory Page, Sir Christopher Wren, Sir Jonathan Andrews, Sir James Bateman, Sir William Sanderson, Sir John Vanbrugh, Dr. John Mapletost, James Craggs Senior, Sidney Godolphin, William Hewer, Samuel Travers, John Robinson, William Dawson, Roger Brad-dyll, William Watkins, Richard Gee, Thomas Jennings, Michael Richards, and Dr. William Oliver,* to be a Standing Committee, and to be Stiled the Directors of the said Hospital. AND We do hereby give full Power and Authority, and Require and Command you the Directors of the said Hospital, or any Five or more of you, to Meet once a Fortnight at least, or oftner if Occasion shall Require, to Consult concerning the Affairs of the said Hospital; and that the Secretary of the said Hospital do Attend you

*Twenty Four
Directors ap-
pointed and
named, where-
of Five to be
a Court.*

*The Directors
to meet once a
Fortnight at
least, or oftner
if occasion, at-
tended by the
Secretary.*

*The Directors
impower'd to
carry on the
Building.*

*To State the
Accounts for
the Works.*

*To make Con-
tracts for Pro-
visions, and all
other Necessa-
ries for the
House, and to
do all other
matters rela-
ting thereto.*

*To take in Per-
sons by appro-
bation of the
Lord High Ad-
miral.*

*All the Procee-
dings of the
Directors to be
laid before the
General Court
of Commissio-
ners at their
Quarterly
Meetings.*

*The Directors
to receive
Twenty Shil-
lings for every
actual Atten-
dance.*

at such Meetings ; and that at all such Meetings Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby Require and Command you the Directors of the said Hospital, to take especial Care of the carrying on the Building of the said Hospital, pursuant to the Model already begun, or that shall hereafter be thought fitting to be carried on, and to state the Accounts for Works of the said Hospital, now and hereafter to be in hand ; to make Contracts for Provisions and all Necessaries for the House ; and to do all other Matters and Things whatsoever relating thereto. And also to take in such Persons as by you, or any Five or more of you, together with the Approbation of Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, shall be thought fit to be admitted. PROVIDED always, and Our Express Will and Pleasure is, that all your Proceedings whatsoever relating to the Management of the Affairs of the said Hospital be laid before the General Court to be held Quarterly or otherwise, as herein before mentioned, and to be at all times Subject to their Comptroll, whom We do by these Presents give full Power and Authority to Comptroll accordingly. And for your Care and Pains in this Our Service, WE DO hereby Order and Direct that the Summ of Twenty Shillings a Man be paid to such of you the Directors of the said Hospital, as shall think reasonable to demand it, the same to be

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Paid out of the Revenue of the said Hospital by the Hands of the Treasurer thereof for the time being, for every actual Attendance. AND OUR further Will and Pleasure is, AND WE DO hereby give full Power and Authority to Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, or General Court when assembled, to fill up the Number of Directors upon any Vacancy by Death, Refusal, or otherwise, and to Nominate such Persons as Our Commissioners for executing the Office of our High Admiral, now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, shall think fit to be Directors in the Room of such Person or Persons so dying, or refusing to act as aforesaid. AND OUR further WILL and Pleasure is, and We do hereby expressly forbid the Governor, or any Officer of the House, other than the Directors afore-mentioned, or such as they shall appoint, to be concerned in the Purchasing or Making any Agreements for Provisions or any other Necessaries for the Hospital, or to have any other Powers except the well Government of the House, and that even that be performed by the Governor, and such a Council of the Officers of the House, as Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, shall from time to time appoint. And having no doubt but that great Numbers of Our good

The Lord High Admiral, or General Court when Assembled, to Nominate and fill up the Number of Directors in place of such as dye or refuse to act.

The Governor and Officers are to be concern'd in any Contracts or buying Provisions, or other Matters

The Government of the House to be by the Governor with a Council of Officers to be appointed by the Lord High Admiral.

Subjects will be disposed, and will with great Chearfulness and Readiness contribute to the advancing so Charitable a Design, which besides the Relief of so many Poor Disabled and Necessitous Persons will prove of great Advantage to the Kingdom in the increasing the Navigation and Naval Strength thereof, by encouraging fit Persons to betake themselves to Sea Service, as soon as Our Royal Intentions in the Premises shall be made known, and that their assisting in the Building and Endowing the said Hospital, will be most highly acceptable to us;

The Commissioners impower'd to receive any Gifts or Bequests of Lands Moneys, or other Estates for the Use of the Hospital.

WE do by these Presents Authorize and Impower you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, and We do by these Presents Give and Grant to you or any Seven or more of you, full Power and Authority, to take and receive from such Our Good Subjects as shall be piously disposed to contribute towards the Erecting and Endowing of the said Hospital, all such Voluntary Gifts or Subscriptions of, or for any Summ or Summs of Money, Goods or Chattels, or of or for any Estate or Interest in any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, or other Matters or Things whatsoever, which any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, shall be willing to give, limit, appoint, or bestow, for or towards the Building, Furnishing, or Endowing of the Hospital aforesaid; and for causing to be collected and received whatsoever shall be given, contributed, bequeathed, designed or appointed for that

that Use, by the Hands of the Treasurer that shall be hereafter appointed to receive the same. AND to the End that OUR Intention in the Premisses may be better known to Our loving Subjects, We do hereby Require you to cause Publick Notification of these Presents, or the Tenor or Scope thereof, to be made in such Places or by such Ways and Means as you shall think most conducive to the furtherance of the said Charity. AND WE DO also by these Presents Authorize and Impower you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, by Instruments or Writings under your Hands and Seals, to depute and substitute such Persons as you shall think fit to Intrust, to take such Subscriptions as aforesaid; and to collect and bring in the Moneys which shall be contributed, Bequeathed, Designed, or Appointed for the Uses aforesaid, to the Hands of the Treasurer or Receiver General hereafter appointed; and to Displace or Discharge such Substitutes or Deputies, or any of them, and to Appoint others in the Place of them, or any of them, from time to time as you shall see Cause: and to Settle, Establish and Appoint such Cheques, Comptrolls and Orders as you shall think necessary or safe for the full and due Charging of the Treasurer and Receiver General, and also the said Deputies, Substitutes, and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, who shall Receive or be Chargeable with any Moneys, or other Profits for the Charitable Use or Purpose,

*Publick Notice
to be made of
this Commis-
sion.*

*Power to ap-
point Persons
to take Sub-
scriptions, and
to collect Mo-
ney given;
and to make
Cheques and
Comptrolls on
them.*

*To examine
Witnesses upon
Oath in rela-
tion thereto.*

*Required to
certifie to the
Lord High
Treasurer, the
Names of the
Contributors,
and Summs
given.*

pose, to Answer, Pay or Account for the same. And that you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, from time to time as often as you or any Seven or more of you shall suspect or doubt of any Concealment, Fraud, or any deceitful or indirect Practice in reference to any Moneys or other Things Subscribed, Contributed, Given, Bequeathed or Appointed to the said Use, shall and may Enquire thereof, by the Examination of Witnesses on Oath, which you or any Seven or more of you have hereby Power to Administer, or by any other lawful Ways and Means, whereby the Truth of the Matter in all such Cases may best be known, and to proceed thereupon with Effect, and to give such Directions touching the same as you in your Discretions shall think fit. AND OUR PLEASURE is, and We do hereby Require and Command, that you Our said Commissioners or any Seven or more of you, do from time to time Certifie to Our Commissioners of Our Treasury now being, and to Our High Treasurer or Commissioners of Our Treasury for the time being, the Names of the Persons, Societies, Bodies Politick or Corporate, who shall Subscribe or Contribute, Give, Devise or Appoint any Moneys or any Real Estate, or other Matters or Things, towards this Charitable Design, with the Summs of Money, Goods, Chattels, Estates, or other Things by them respectively Contributed, Given, Limited, Appointed or Devised, TO the End a Perpetual

tual Memorial be made of such well-disposed Persons who shall become Benefactors as aforesaid; and whereby also the Treasurer or Receiver General may be charged with more Certainty in his Accompts. AND in regard We do confide very much in the Ability and Faithfulness of Our said Trusty and Well-beloved *Galfridus Walpole* Esquire, of Our especial Grace, Galfridus Walpole Esq; appointed Treasurer. certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, HAVE Nominated, Assigned and Appointed, AND by these Presents do Nominate, Assign and Appoint him the said *Galfridus Walpole* to be the Treasurer and Receiver General of all the Moneys and other Profits which shall be Subscribed, Contributed, Given, Bequeathed, Devised, Designed, or Appointed to or for the Building, Furnishing, or Endowing of the said Hospital, or for any Matter or Thing relating thereunto, to continue in that Trust during Our Pleasure. AND OUR PLEASURE IS, That the Treasurer or Receiver General for the time being, shall have full Power and Authority, and is hereby fully Authorized from time to time upon the Receipt or Receipts of any Summ or Summs The Treasurer to give Acquittances for Money received. of Money, or other Profits for the Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, to give an Acquittance or Acquittances for the same, which shall be good and sufficient Discharges to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever. And the said Treasurer or Receiver General for the time being, in his Receipts, The Treasurer to be subject to such Inspection and Comptroll as shall be appointed by the General Court. Payments and Accompts, shall be subject to such Inspection, Examination and Comptroll, as you

or any Seven or more of you, whereof Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral now and for the time being, or Our High Admiral for the time being, Our Commissioners of Our Treasury, now and for the time being, or Our High Treasurer for the time being, or any Two or more to be such as aforesaid, shall Establish or Appoint.

*No Money to be
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ting thereunto.*

AND WE DO hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, strictly Charge, Command, Enjoyn, and Require, that none of the Moneys, or other Things, which shall be Given, Contributed, Devised, Bequeathed, Designed, or Appointed as aforesaid, shall be diverted, issued or applied, or be in any wise applicable to any Use or Purpose whatsoever, other than to the Charitable Purposes before mentioned, or some of them, or to defray Necessary Charges relating thereunto. AND to the End that the Building and Finishing of the said Hospital may be carried on with as much speed as is possible, WE do by these Presents give full Power and Authority to you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, to call to your Aid and Assistance such Skilful Artists, Officers and Workmen as you shall think fit, and to appoint them severally their respective Charge or Business; and that you Our said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of you, at your General Court to be held as aforesaid, shall by Warrants in Writing direct the Issuing Payment,

Payment, Allowances, and Expenditure of the Moneys or Profits to be Contributed, Given, Bequeathed, Devifed or Appointed as aforefaid, to Buy or Pay for Timber, Brick, Stone, and other Materials; and for furnifhing the faid Hofpital with Beds, and other Neceffaries and Conveniencies, and to pay neceffary and rea- fonable Salaries, Wages, and Rewards to the faid Artists, Officers, and Workmen, which fhall be Employed in the Building as aforefaid, and to Reward thofe who fhall be neceffarily employed in bringing in, receiving, paying, or accounting for the Moneys of the faid Con- tributions, and to defray all other Charges and Expences incident to the Execution of this Our Commiffion, in fuch Proportions, Manner and Form, as you fhall from time to time judge Reasonable and Meet. And that you Our faid Commiffioners, or any Seven or more of you, fhall and may Confider, Advife, Agree upon, and Set down particular Orders and Inftuctions, as well for the Safe keeping of the Money, from time to time to be brought into the Treafury, and of the Materials and Provifions, from time to time to be brought into the Stores, as for the Faithful and Fru- gal Ifsuing out and Difpofal of the fame for the Publick Ufe intended, and none other; and to Direct and Appoint by whom, and in what manner the Books and Accounts of both fhall be from time to time Kept, Comptrolled,

The General Court of Com- miffioners by Warrants in Writing, are to direct the Pay- ment of all Moneys for Building, Pro- vifions, Sala- ries for Ser- vants, and all Incidents.

To make Rules for the keeping of the Money brought into the Treafury: and alfo for the keeping the Stores and Provifions, and Ifsuing the fame, and for keeping of Books and Ac- counts, and for auditing the fame.

*And they are
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ing the Design
of this Com-
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*The Commis-
sioners to be ac-
countable every
one for his own
Acts only.*

*The Treasurer
to receive
200 l. a Year.
Salary.*

Audited and Allowed. And you or any Seven or more of you, are to advise, treat, consider and determine of all other Matters, Ways and Means whatsoever, for the Advancement of this Useful and Necessary Design, and to put the same in Execution, till the said Hospital shall be compleatly Built, Finished, and Furnished with all Things necessary thereunto. AND FURTHER, WE DO for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Declare and Grant, that you Our said Commis- sioners, and every of you, shall be only Accountable and Answerable to Us, Our Heirs and Suc- cessors, for your own Respective Receipts, Actings or Doings; and not for the Receipts, Actings or Doings of one another; or of the Treasurer hereby Appointed, or to be Appoin- ted. PROVIDED always, and Our Plea- sure is, AND WE DO hereby Direct, Grant, and Appoint, that the said *Galfridus Walpole*, hereby Appointed to be the Treasurer and Receiver General as aforesaid, shall and may, during his Continuance in that Trust, for his Pains and Service in the Execution thereof, have, receive, retain and keep, out of the Mo- neys that shall from time to time be in his Hands by Virtue or Means of his Receipt, the Yearly Salary or Allowance of Two Hundred Pounds of good and lawful British Money, the same to be Paid and Retained Quarterly, at the Four most usual Feasts in the Year, by even and equal Portions, and to be from time

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to time allowed upon his Accounts, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. AND LASTLY, Our Pleasure is, AND WE do hereby Impower, Authorize, and Require you, to Proceed, Agree, Conclude, The Commissioners to finish all Matters left undetermined by the late Commission. and finish all Cases, Matters and Things, left Undetermined upon the said late Commission, granted for the Purposes aforesaid. AND

These Our Letters Patents, or the Entry, Enrollment, or Exemplification thereof, shall be to you and every of you a sufficient Warrant and discharge in this behalf. IN WITNESS whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. WITNESS Our Self at *Westminster*, the Nineteenth Day of *January*, in the First Year of Our Reign.

Per ipsum Regem.

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